

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Final Office Action mailed June 28, 2006 (the “Office Action”). At the time of the Office Action, Claims 1-5, 12, 31-35, 41, 56-58 and 60 were pending in the application. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejects Claims 1-5, 12, 31-35, 41, 56-58 and 60. To advance prosecution of this case, Applicant amends Claims 1-5, 12, 31-35, 41, 56, 58, and 60. Applicant does not admit that any amendments are necessary due to any prior art or any of the Examiner’s rejections. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

Section 102 Rejections

The Examiner rejects Claims 1-5, 12, 31-35, 41, 56-58 and 60 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by the publication, “An Object-Oriented Approach to Directory Systems” by C.M.R. Leung, IEEE Region 10 Conference on Computer and Communications Systems, September, 1990, Hong Kong, pages 736-740, (“*Leung*”). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection and requests reconsideration and allowance of Claims 1-5, 12, 31-35, 41, 56-58 and 60 in view of the remarks set forth herein.

The cited reference fails to teach, suggest, or disclose each element of amended Claim 1. In particular, *Leung* fails to teach, suggest, or disclose (1) “retrieving from the first table a plurality of entry identifiers, wherein each of the plurality of entry identifiers is associated, in the first table, with a parent entry identifier that matches the first entry identifier;” and (2) “for each of the retrieved entry identifiers...identifying in the second table an entry associated with the respective retrieved entry identifier, wherein the entry is associated with the attribute identifier and comprises a respective syntax-normalized data value and a respective raw data value...and if the respective syntax-normalized data value matches the first syntax-normalized data value, retrieving the respective raw data value” as recited in amended Claim 1. The cited portion of *Leung* discloses storing data in two tables -- a DIT table and an ENTRY table. (*Leung*; p. 739, col. 1, ¶ 1). *Leung* teaches that the ENTRY table may store data in “both normalized and raw forms.” (*Leung*; p. 739, col. 1, ¶ 1). There is nothing, however, in *Leung* that teaches, suggests, or discloses “retrieving from the first table a plurality of entry identifiers, wherein each of the plurality of entry identifiers is associated, in the first table,

with a parent entry identifier that matches the first entry identifier" as recited in amended Claim 1. In addition, *Leung* fails to teach, suggest, or disclose: "for each of the retrieved entry identifiers...identifying in the second table an entry associated with the respective retrieved entry identifier, wherein the entry is associated with the attribute identifier and comprises a respective syntax-normalized data value and a respective raw data value...and if the respective syntax-normalized data value matches the first syntax-normalized data value, retrieving the respective raw data value" as recited in amended Claim 1. Because the cited reference fails to teach, suggest, or disclose each element of amended Claim 1, the cited reference fails to support the rejection. For at least this reason, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of amended Claim 1.

In rejecting Claims 12, 31, 41, and 56, the Examiner employs rationale analogous to that used in rejecting Claim 1. Accordingly, for reasons analogous to those stated above with respect to Claim 1, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of Claims 12, 31, 41, and 56.

Claims 2-5, 32-35, 57-58 and 60 depend from independent claims shown above to be allowable. In addition, these claims recite further elements not taught, suggested, or disclosed by the cited reference. For at least these reasons, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of Claims 2-5, 32-35, 57-58 and 60.

CONCLUSION

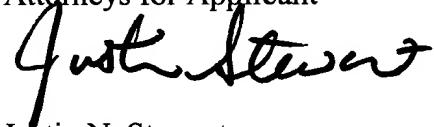
Applicant has made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and full allowance of all pending claims.

If there are matters that can be discussed by telephone to further the prosecution of this Application, Applicant invites the Examiner to call the undersigned attorney at (214) 953-6755 at the Examiner's convenience.

Although Applicant believes that no fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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